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PUBLIC INFORMATION STATEMENT
National Weather Service Wilmington NC
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...NWS DAMAGE SURVEY FOR 12/24/20 TORNADO EVENT...

.Chadbourn Tornado...

Start Location...Chadbourn in Columbus County NC
End Location...Chadbourn in Columbus County NC
Date...Dec 24 2020
Estimated Time...12:16 PM EST
Maximum EF-Scale Rating...EF0
Estimated Maximum Wind Speed...65 mph
Maximum Path Width...20 yards
Path Length...0.1 miles
Beginning Lat/Lon...34.38832/-78.77950
Ending Lat/Lon...34.39034/-78.77925
* Fatalities...0
* Injuries...0

...Summary...

After initial reports (including pictures and video) of a funnel cloud from residents north of Chadbourn just after noon on Christmas Eve, NWS Storm Survey found multiple hardwood and softwood trees with large limbs snapped from the tree. Branches were displaced in multiple directions off of Peacock Road in Columbus County. A few smaller diameter trees had their tops snapped. The tornado appeared to track across an open field for much of its lifespan before lifting near a tree line approximately one tenth of a mile away.

EF Scale: The Enhanced Fujita Scale classifies tornadoes into the following categories:

EF0...Weak.....65 to 85 mph
EF1...Weak.....86 to 110 mph
EF2...Strong....111 to 135 mph
EF3...Strong....136 to 165 mph
EF4...Violent...166 to 200 mph
EF5...Violent...>200 mph

* The information in this statement is preliminary and subject to change pending final review of the event and publication in NWS Storm Data.

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